

**The Energy And Technology Committee**

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**Raised HB 5522: AAC ELECTRIC MARKET STRUCTURE**

**Testimony of**

**The Office of Consumer Counsel**

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The Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) has carefully reviewed and supports the concept of **Raised HB 5522: AAC ELECTRIC MARKET STRUCTURE**, which seeks to revise provisions of the general statutes to transform certain aspects of the electric market structure.

The proposed legislation is quite complex and ranges over a wide area of the Connecticut General Statutes, thus presenting questions that will require extensive review and examination. Thus, the OCC will reserve judgment on the interactions of the various elements of the proposed legislation and urges the Committee to provide further opportunities for discussion and exchanges among the parties as to the full ramifications of this bill.

The OCC would very much want to participate in all activities related to this bill and believes it can bring detailed expertise that will serve to make this bill a force for positive change.